

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

Part 1 1. A method of providing photographic products and/or services, the method comprising the steps of:

- selecting a camera;
- selecting a photographic product/service plan from a menu of photographic product/service plans;
- associating the selected camera with the selected photographic product/service plan and creating a product/service plan account indicative thereof; and
- entering said product/service plan account into a computer database to maintain a record of photographic products and/or services provided in accordance with the selected photographic product/service plan.

Part 2 2. A method according to claim 1, wherein said photographic products and/or services comprise providing said selected camera to a user for a predetermined time period at a predetermined fee, and providing film development for a predetermined number of rolls of film exposed by said selected camera during said predetermined time period.

3. A method according to claim 2, wherein said photographic services and/or products further comprise providing a selected amount of photographic prints of said developed film.

4. A method according to claim 2, wherein said photographic products and/or services further comprise scanning the images on said film to provide for a digital record of said images.

5. A method according to claim 4, wherein said digital record is placed on a disk and supplied to a user or designated recipient.

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6. A method according to claim 4, wherein said digital record is electronically forwarded to a user or designated recipient.

sub c17 7. A method according to claim 4, wherein said photographic products and/or services further comprise electronically storing said digital record for a predetermined amount of time.

8. A method according to claim 1, wherein said photographic products and/or services comprise electronically storing images captured by said selected camera for a predetermined period of time.

9. A method according to claim 1, wherein said photographic products and/or services comprise providing a predetermined number of prints of images captured by said selected camera.

10. A method according to claim 1, wherein said selected camera is a film camera.

11. A method according to claim 1, wherein said selected camera is a digital camera.

12. A method according to claim 1, wherein said selected camera is a hybrid digital/film camera.

sub c17 13. A method according to claim 1, wherein said photographic products and/or services comprise providing an image product associated with an image captured by said selected camera.

14. A method according to claim 1, comprising the further step of updating the product/service plan account in the computer database as said

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photographic products and/or services, in accordance with the selected photographic product/service plan, are provided to a user to reflect photographic products and/or services rendered to the user.

15. A method of providing photographic products and/or services to a consumer, the method comprising the steps of:

selecting a camera and photographic products and/or services which are to be associated with said camera for a predetermined time period, wherein said photographic products and/or services are provided to images captured by said selected camera; and

maintaining an account of said photographic products and/or services as said photographic products and/or services are provided to said customer.

16. A method according to claim 15, wherein said photographic products and/or services comprise creating a predetermined number of prints from said images.

17. A method according to claim 15, wherein said photographic products and/or services comprise placing said images on a disk and forwarding said disk to the consumer.

18. A method of providing photographic products and/or services, the method comprising the steps of:

selecting a camera and photographic products and/or services which are to be associated with said camera for a predetermined time period, wherein said photographic products and/or services are provided to film exposed by said selected camera; and

maintaining a record of photographic products and/or services as said photographic services and/or products are provided to a user.

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19. A method according to claim 18, wherein said photographic products and/or services comprise developing said exposed film and providing a predetermined number of prints of images on said film.

20. A method according to claim 18, wherein said photographic products and/or services comprise scanning said film to create a digital record of images on said film.

21. A method according to claim 20, wherein said photographic products and/or services further comprise placing said digital record on a disk and forwarding said disk to the customer.

22. A method according to claim 20, wherein said photographic products and/or services further comprise electronically storing said digital record for a predetermined period of time.

23. A method according to claim 20, wherein said photographic products and/or services further comprise electronically sending said digital record ~~of said images to the user.~~

24. A system for providing photographic products and/or services, the system comprising:

a photographic product/service input station into which information with respect to a selected camera and a selected photographic product/service plan which is to be associated with the selected camera is input, said photographic product/service input station creating a product/service account indicative of the selected camera and the selected photographic product/service plan; and

a computer database unit operationally associated with the photographic product/service input station which receives and stores the information with respect to the selected camera and the selected photographic

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product/service plan, said computer database unit being adapted to update said product/service account as photographic product and/or services in accordance with said selected photographic product/service plan are requested and completed.

25. A system according to claim 24, wherein said computer database is operationally associated with at least one photographic product/service provider, and said selected photographic product/service plan comprises providing photographic products and/or services to film exposed by said selected camera through said at least one photographic product/service provider in accordance with the photographic product/service plan for a predetermined time period.

26. A system according to claim 25, wherein said photographic products and/or services comprise providing film developing for film exposed by said selected camera for said predetermined time period.

27. A system according to claim 26, wherein said photographic products and/or services comprise providing prints of said developed film.

28. A system according to claim 25, wherein said photographic products and/or services comprise scanning images on said film to provide a digital record of the images.

29. A system according to claim 28, wherein said digital record is placed on a disk and returned to a designated recipient.

30. A system according to claim 28, wherein said digital record is electronically forwarded to a designated recipient.

31. A system according to claim 28, wherein said photographic products and/or services comprise storing said digital record for a predetermined amount of time.

32. system according to claim 24, wherein said photographic products and/or services comprise electronically storing images captured by said selected camera for a predetermined period of time.

33. A system according to claim 24, wherein said photographic products and/or services comprise providing a predetermined number of prints of images captured by said selected camera.

34. A system according to claim 24, wherein said photographic products and/or services comprise providing an image product associated with an image captured by said selected camera.

35. A system according to claim 24, wherein said selected camera is one of a film, digital or hybrid film/digital camera.

36. A method of providing photographic products and/or services to a plurality of different consumers, the method comprising the steps of:
each of said plurality of different consumers selecting product/service plan, said plan including a camera and photographic products and/or services which are to be associated with said camera for a predetermined time period, wherein said photographic products and/or services are provided to images captured by said selected camera; and
maintaining for each of said plurality of different consumers an account of said photographic products and/or services at a service provider, each of said accounts having an unique customer ID, said account being accessible from a single input station.

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